MYP 4 Study Guide for Cold War Test

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**Origins of the Cold War:**

* How, in the eyes of the Truman administration, did Soviet behavior regarding Germany conflict with the sentiments expressed at Yalta and Potsdam?
* How, in the eyes of the Truman administration, did Soviet behavior regarding Eastern Europe conflict with the sentiments expressed at Yalta and Potsdam?
* Compare and contrast the arguments of George Kennan and Henry Wallace regarding U.S. policy toward the Soviet Union.

Be able to identify and explain the significance of the following:

* Yalta Conference
* Potsdam Conference
* George Kennan
* Henry Wallace

Be able to identify the following locations on a blank map of post-1945 Europe and explain their importance to the worsening relations between East and West:

* Germany (East and West)
* Poland
* Rumania
* Bulgaria

**Korean War:**

* What factors influenced Truman's decision to commit U.S. forces to the defense of South Korea?
* Why did Truman fire MacArthur?
* Who won the Korean War?

Be able to identify and explain the significance of the following:

* Douglas MacArthur
* 38th Parallel

Be able to identify the following locations:

* North Korea
* South Korea
* China
* Taiwain

**The Red Menace:**

* Be prepared to interpret American and Soviet propaganda posters from the 1950s, explaining how colors, shapes, symbols and text reinforce a message of Cold War paranoia.

**The Cuban Missile Crisis:**

* Why was the presence of Soviet missiles in Cuba a problem for the United States?
* What options did Kennedy and his advisers consider in response to the missiles?
* What course did Kennedy choose, and why?
* How was the crisis ultimately resolved?